

International Workshop on Alternatives to the Murine Histamine Sensitization Test (HIST) for Acellular Pertussis Vaccines: State of the Science and the Path Forward

Abstract Submission Guidelines

The National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) and the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) invite the submission of abstracts for scientific posters to be displayed during the workshop.

Posters should address current research, development, validation, and/or regulatory acceptance of alternative methods that may reduce, refine, or replace the use of animals for acellular pertussis vaccine safety testing. Posters that address related issues or topics may be considered as space allows.

Abstracts should be submitted by email to niceatm@niehs.nih.gov by close of business on **October 12, 2012**. NICEATM and ICCVAM will review the submitted abstracts. The corresponding author will be notified of the abstract's acceptance along with guidelines for the poster format no later than October 26, 2012.

Requirements for Submission:

- Abstract body is limited to 300 words maximum.
- Key references relevant to the abstract may be included after the abstract body.
- Abstract length and references should not exceed one page.
- Font must be at least 12-point.
- All margins for the document should be no smaller than one inch.
- Title information should include the names of all authors and their affiliations.
- The name and contact information (i.e., address, phone number, fax number, e-mail address) for the corresponding or senior author should be provided at the end of the abstract.
- Abstracts must contain a statement of the rationale and scope of the study presented; a brief description of the experimental procedures; the data that resulted from the study; and principal conclusion(s) based on interpretation of the results.

Additional Requirements:

- All abstracts that describe studies using animals or animal tissues should be accompanied by a statement from the senior author certifying that all animal use was carried out in accordance with all applicable animal care and use laws, regulations, and guidelines and that the appropriate Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee approved the studies.
- All abstracts that describe studies using humans should be accompanied by a statement from the senior author certifying that such studies were conducted in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines and were approved by the appropriate Institutional Review Board.